

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Southwood Academy of the Arts

Anderson 5

Grades: 6-7

Enrollment: 239

Principal: Gary Bruhjell

Superintendent: Betty Bagley

Board Chair: Rick Bradshaw

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

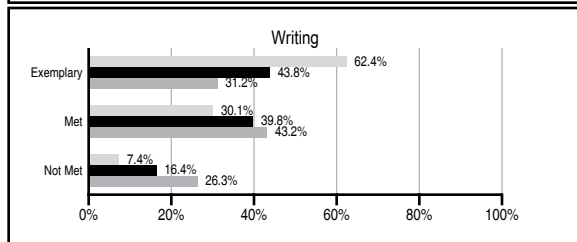
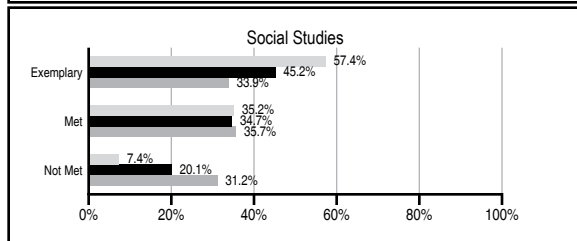
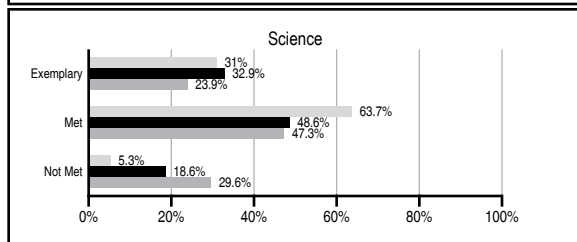
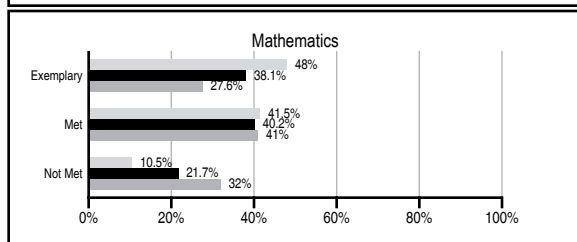
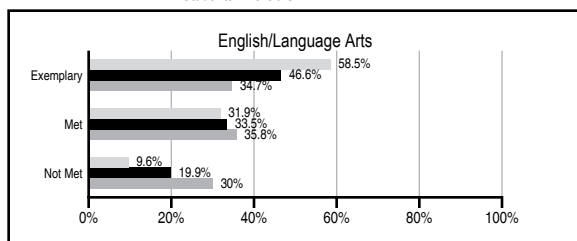
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
18	7	5	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/15/2014. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

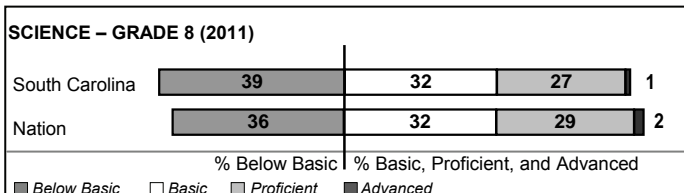
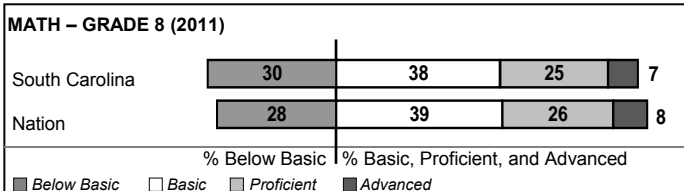
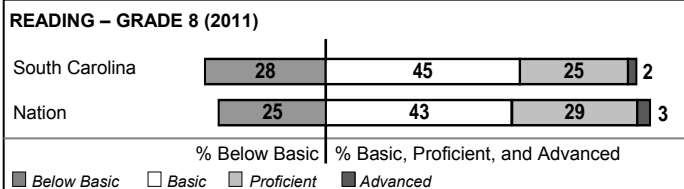
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	N/A	95.6
English 1	N/A	96.1
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	N/A	96.2

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=239)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	0.0%	N/R	37.6%	24.6%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	0.4%	0.6%
Attendance rate	96.8%	Down from 97.3%	96.6%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	46.3%	N/A	27.8%	18.5%
With disabilities	5.6%	N/A	11.3%	13.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.7%	N/A	2.7%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.5%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.4%	Up from 45.5%	65.6%	61.5%
Continuing contract teachers	71.4%	Down from 72.7%	79.8%	77.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	89.0%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.5%	N/R	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,632	Up 8.4%	\$49,650	\$47,313
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	2.6%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	18.0 days	Up from 8.7 days	10.0 days	10.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Down from 23.8 to 1	24.2 to 1	22.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	N/R	90.4%	89.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.0%	Down from 99.9%	98.4%	99.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$12,040	N/A	\$6,839	\$7,239
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	46.0%	N/A	65.0%	63.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	44.0%	N/A	62.0%	61.0%
ESEA composite index score	100.0	No Change	87.5	83.5

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	110	51
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	90.9%	96.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	94.6%	98%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	98.2%	90.4%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Southwood Academy of the Arts serves the entire Anderson community as a pure magnet school for the creative and performing arts. Southwood Academy provides a rigorous academic experience while using the arts as a vehicle to success. The core curriculum for ELA, math, science, and social studies is based on state and national standards, but is enhanced with learning opportunities integrating the arts. In addition, students are able to receive accelerated instruction in visual art, band, chorus, orchestra, dance, drama, piano technology, and music composition.

With such a small number of students, the faculty and staff are able to build a strong sense of community and self-worth. Students' strengths and accomplishments are celebrated on a daily basis through a school-wide morning meeting. Positive character traits are studied and celebrated using the Rotary Club's Four-Way Test and "Early Act First Knight" program.

During the 2012-2013 school year, Southwood Academy of the Arts established a reputation for excellence in the Anderson area. The school met all federal "No Child Left Behind" criteria, received an "Excellent" school report card rating from the South Carolina Department of Education, and was honored as a Palmetto Gold Incentive Award recipient. In addition, the school was awarded a \$2,500 Distinguished Arts Grant which enabled stakeholders the opportunity to develop a comprehensive, five-year strategic plan for the arts. Also, Southwood Academy was recognized as an "Arts in Basic Curriculum" site by the SC Arts Commission with a grant totaling \$5,250. Finally, the school community, including the School Improvement Council, participated in a thorough review of programs, culture, planning processes, curriculum, and instructional practices to receive national accreditation through AdvancEd.

This drive for superiority was also evidenced by the students through their art majors. Visual art students displayed their artwork at the Anderson Arts Center during Youth Art Month. Band and orchestra students competed in the upstate solo and ensemble competitions and all students received either "excellent" or "superior" ratings. The orchestras competed at two separate competitions and received "excellent" and "superior" scores. This was quite an accomplishment for sixth and seventh grade musicians!

The PTSO worked hard last year to develop a family-friendly atmosphere where the arts and academics are supported and celebrated. The PTSO members sponsored a school dedication ceremony, hosted school dances, held movie nights for students and parents, and organized a school-wide arts showcase event.

The arts engage students in ways that other subjects may not by encouraging creative risk-taking. Through the arts, children can see themselves as creators who value their own ideas and respect the ideas of others. At Southwood Academy of the Arts, students' talents are nurtured as their potential is realized.

Gary Bruhjell, Principal
Chris Lynch, SIC Chairman

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